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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

[Letters addressed to "Correspondence" will receive attention in this column. Inquiries are solicited.]

Q. On what day of the week did September 27, 1898, fall on? W. P.

A. Thursday.

Q. What day of the week was January 20, 1881? H. S.

A. Thursday.

Q. Please tell me the name of the poet laureate of England. I. R.

A. Alfred Austin.

Q. Is there any premium on a cent of 1783? J. L. C.

A. It is worth fifteen cents.

Q. What was the name of the prosecuting attorney in the Thaw trial in New York city? A. W. G.

A. District Attorney William T. Jerome.

Q. How may a position in the United States consular service be obtained? A. B.

A. Write to the State Department, Washington, D. C., for examination requirements.

Q. Did the Rev. J. C. Vansickle of Canton, Ohio, ever hold the world's middleweight prize-fighting championship? J. E. T.

A. We never heard that he did.

Q. To whom and where should I write for information about the Carnegie fund for rewarding persons who save life? A. B.

A. To the Carnegie Foundation, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Q. How many women are there in the United States? L. C. W.

A. Almost as many as there are men. The women number 44,640,144, the men 47,338,294, or 100 women to every 106 men.

Q. What was the deficiency of the Postoffice Department in December, 1911? T. L.

A. The statistics have not been carried down to the end of the year. For the fiscal year of 1910 the receipts were \$224,128,657, expenditures \$229,977,224.

Q. (1) Please give the proper pronunciation of Los Angeles. (2) Of Palacios? M. B.

A. (1) Loee An-hee-es or jel-ees, the o pronounced as in "host" and the first syllable of Angeles accented. (2) Pa-la-the-oc, both a's as in "path," the second syllable accented.

Q. Are the Atlantic and Pacific oceans on the same level? R. H. M.

A. The Panama Canal engineers found the Pacific to be about three feet higher than the Atlantic at the isthmus. No satisfactory explanation has been found for the circumstance.

Q. What is the salary of a United States senator? T. B. C.

A. It is \$7,500 per annum, with twenty cents per mile for travelling expenses to and from the seat of government. The allowance for travelling is included in a special appropriation bill passed by Congress at each session.

Q. On what days did the following dates fall: September 29, 1899, September 4, 1893? (2) When and where did the Socialist party originate and what is its object? A. E.

A. (1) On Monday and Monday. (2) Publications on socialism discuss the subject in a more comprehensive way than could be done in this column.

Q. Please give the name of a famous painting taken from an art gallery in Paris about twelve months ago. L. L. P.

A. Several paintings have been stolen or defaced in the Louvre, the national art gallery in Paris, but the most famous to disappear was Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa." The painting is supposed to be a portrait of a friend of da Vinci's, but who Madonna Elizabeth really was no one seems to know.

Q. (1) Are second lieutenants in the United States army ever appointed from civil life? (2) Is there any provision for the enlistment in any army

to be killed each year, but during the period from 1870 to 1902 2,200,000 skins were taken. Including other kinds of skins, the Alaskan fur business has amounted to over \$72,000,000. Salmon fisheries realize upwards of \$6,000,000 a year, yielding \$300,000. Sitka spruce and yellow cedar are plentiful, but their production is confined to local uses. The government paid Russia only \$7,200,000 for this rich territory.

Borough Schools.

With the selection of Thomas L. Masson as president, the Glen Ridge Board of Education Monday night organized for the year. B. F. Carter was chosen vice-president and E. D. Street district clerk.

One of the new members is Mrs. Martin T. Baldwin. The board has another woman member in the person of Mrs. Louis Hinrichs.

The naming of the new school to be erected in the north end of the borough caused some discussion, and it was finally referred to a committee to decide whether it should be named "Sherman Avenue" or "Bay Avenue."

As no arrangement had been made for the extension of the Easter holiday to include Easter Monday, the request of many of the teachers to be allowed the extra day will not be granted. Next year, however, the board will arrange the schedule to provide for Easter Monday, and extend the school term one day later in June.

Mr. Street called attention to the fact that a man was going the rounds of the borough pretending to take the school census. In reality, he declared, it was a plan to sell books to pupils. As the board had not authorized such work, the police will be asked to put an end to it.

R. L. Smith was appointed principal of the High School to succeed F. P. Sutton, at a salary of \$1,600.

President Masson named the following committees: Teachers, Mrs. Hinrichs, F. B. Carter and J. C. Van Duyn; finance, Mr. Van Duyn, Robert E. Moss and J. H. Pullman; buildings and grounds, Dr. H. C. Harris, Mr. Moss and J. R. Emery; textbooks and courses of study, Mr. Carter and Mrs. Baldwin; supplies and apparatus, Messrs. Moss and Van Duyn; medical inspection, Mr. Harris and Mrs. Hinrichs; playgrounds and athletics, Mr. Pullman and Mrs. Hinrichs; records, Mr. Van Duyn; art, Mr. Carter, Mrs. Hinrichs and Mrs. Baldwin; associates, Miss Caroline M. Stewart, Sidney C. Firman and F. Ballard Williams.

The question of playgrounds for the summer was brought up by Mrs. Hinrichs, but action was deferred until the next meeting. In the meantime a meeting will be held at Mrs. Hinrichs' home April 12, when the secretary of the Playgrounds Association of New York will give a talk to the Glen Ridge women on a plan of work.

Brookdale Hose Company.

On motion of Councilman Unangst, chairman of the fire committee, the town clerk was, on Monday night, instructed to send certificates of membership in the fire department to the following members of the Brookdale Hose Company: Theodore E. Jones, James A. Campbell, William A. Ungemah, F. W. Brokaw, T. T. Campbell, C. Fitzgibbon, George E. Haines, Victor Van Dessel, Alden R. Fisher, Clifton Speller, Joseph Miller, Lewis R. Davidson, Alfred G. Cockeair, William Parsons, W. Howard Davidson and Frank Peters.

A letter from William A. Baldwin, clerk of the Board of Education, was read, stating that at a meeting of the Board of Education on March 18 it was voted to grant to the Town Council the use of the old Brookdale school house on the east side of Broad street, until October 1, 1912, as headquarters for Brookdale Hose Company, No. 5.

Mr. Unangst was authorized by the council to have electric lighting put in the building and to purchase furniture and fuel for use of the company.

Sinking Fund Statement.

The annual financial statement of the Sinking Fund Commission was submitted to the Town Council Monday night by Mr. Murray, chairman of the finance committee.

The receipts were: Balance from April 1, 1911, \$9,043.69; amount received from town of Bloomfield, \$12,250; interest received, \$248.04. Total—\$22,441.73.

The disbursements were: Paid five union outlet sewer bonds, \$2,500; purchased \$15,000 worth of town of Bloomfield park bonds, with accrued interest, \$14,750.60; paid one school bond, \$1,000; paid four school bonds, \$4,000; balance, \$189.13. Total—\$22,441.73.

Assets—Town of Bloomfield park bonds \$14,700; accrued interest, \$200; cash balance \$189.13. Total \$15,089.13.

The report was signed by Edward G. Ward, president of the Sinking Fund Commission, and Harry L. Osborne, secretary and treasurer.

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The Moenke Case.

That the town has no rights in the strip of property on the south side of Roosevelt avenue, between Orange street and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and that the present owner has good title to the land, was the opinion given to the Town Council Monday night by Town Attorney Koehner in the matter of the complaint of William Moenke, referred to the law committee of the council for investigation and report.

The property in question has long passed as a street under the name of East Maolis avenue, and it has been in public use.

The so-called street ran along the rear line of lots fronting on Peloubet street only about 138 feet southerly from the so-called East Maolis avenue and some of the purchasers of lots on the northerly side of Peloubet street built their houses on the rear end of their lots and fronted them on the supposed Maolis avenue. Mr. Moenke, a subsequent purchaser of one of those houses, has for years enjoyed free and uninterrupted use of the supposed street, and he made his purchase in the firm belief that Maolis avenue was a legal street. The connection from the gas main to his house was by way of that street, and other uses of the street confirmed him in the belief that his house fronted on a public highway. Mr. Koehner told Monday night how East Maolis avenue got its shadowy existence through the ramification of the Watessing Land Company, a corporation that in 1873 filed an extensive map showing streets projected through land that the company owned and through much more land that the company did not own. East Maolis avenue was one of those streets. The only way that the streets could get legal existence was by compensation to property owners whose lands were to be taken for street purposes, but as that was never done, the owners of the land never lost title to their property, although in some instances the title was clouded. Such was the case with the property in question, and the late Mathias Dodd, the owner of the land, bargained at different times to sell it, but in every instance the sale fell through because lawyers questioned the validity of the title. Mr. Dodd finally disposed of the land to a party who settled up all the back taxes and assessments, for the town always taxed the land despite its so-called public use. The same party also filed a bill in Chancery to quiet title to the land and made the town a party to the suit. The town made no response and in no way set up any claim, and the court decided in favor of the petitioner, and the town lost any right of easement it had in the land. The party who quieted the title sold the land, and it is the present owner whose title is pronounced good by the town attorney.

Mayör Hauser, who has always manifested a disposition to believe that Mr. Moenke's contention rested upon good grounds of equity, asked Mr. Koehner if there was any way that the street could still be maintained. Mr. Koehner said it could be done by the regular proceedings for opening streets, and the owners of the property taken would have to be compensated.

Almost A Miracle.

One of the most startling changes ever seen in any man, according to W. B. Holsclaw, Clarendon, Tex., was effected years ago in his brother. "He had such a dreadful cough," he writes, "that all our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and weighs 218 pounds. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for Coughs and Colds with excellent results." It's quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.—Adv.

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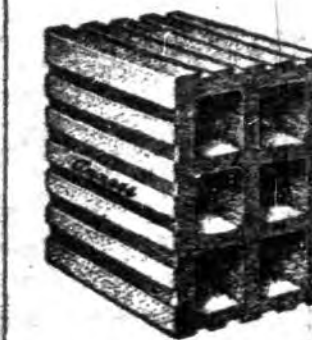
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